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Preface:

Long has my study of
Oblivion, Entropy and the
Convergence consumed my
time and my focus. I
have completed and
pursued many projects
either directly, tangentially
or uninvolved with Oblivion,
yet my drive has always
been to document that
power that was, is and
will be until even it is no
more. It is my hope that
those who read these
words will come to
understand Oblivion as I
have and see the
necessity in taking its
precepts to the ends of
the universe and time,
until all are swallowed in
the peaceful void that is
Oblivion. -Izrem Verin'Vlos

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A primer on the nature
of Oblivion, Entropy and
the Convergence.

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-----Introduction-----

"All that has a beginning
has an end. All that is
will one day be not. That
is the natural order of

reality."

-Lich Lord Azalin

The precepts of the "worship" of Oblivion are teleological ones. That is to say, concepts and ideas that lead to a final end as the result of the causes that come before it. Cause and effect, where the effect is already known, so the causes merely align properly to see that effect occurs. At its most basic level, this is the scholars understanding of Oblivion. All things that have a beginning, will have an end. Even those things which we consider immortal or ageless, on a long enough time scale, decay and die. Because we understand this end/effect, we can see the "causes" for what they are. Little acts of construction and decay that lead, ultimately, to an end. This is Entropy. Entropy prepares the way for Oblivion. Cause and effect.

Yet if that were all that was to be said on the matter, than an organization such as the Order of the Ebon Skull would not need to exist, nor would its scholars within the Scholomance or its dark artificers in the Necromancer Sect. The truth of the matter is that while few may contest this natural truth (though some still try) many do not see the need to revere and accept it in their everyday understandings of life. They see Oblivion and Entropy as unfortunate things that should be overcome and finally surrendered too

when inevitability has its way. This need not be the case. By coming to an understanding of the precepts of Oblivion, we can learn to embrace it for both its truth and its liberation. In this collection of notes, research and discussion we shall delve into the concepts known as Oblivion, Entropy and the Convergence.

Each section shall be divided into three parts. First shall come a section on the arcane aspect. This is, simply put, the "scientific" element of the concept being looked at. What it looks like in reality and what few principles of alchemy we can attach to its nature.

Second shall be a look at the theology of the concept. Arcane theory without relevance to reality serves no purpose to those who are not magi or scholars, nor does it enrich the lives of those who observe it but do not see its value.

Third shall be a view of the spiritual relevance of the concept to a person's own life. To understand arcane theory and theology is wonderful, yes. But it is only in how you see how that concept flows in your own life that you come to understand your grand purpose in the scheme of existence. Specifically, it shall take the lessons of theology and apply them to the lives of the faithful.

-----Oblivion-----
"As we stare long into the void, the void stares long into us."

-Lich Lord Admoreth
Nazduin

Oblivion. A word filled with so much misconception in both modern and ancient politics that it has come to mean something so erroneous that few can know where to start when picking fact from fiction in discerning the truth.

Oblivion, in its most basic understanding, is nothingness. The absence of reality, whether that be in the form of matter or mana. Yet it is from this basic premise that the scholars and necromancers of the Ebon Skull have pulled so much meaning. Let us observe.

1) Arcane Element-----

Oblivion itself defies most attempts to quantify it as it is essentially impossible to measure. Attempting to parse out its elements cannot be done by any mortal means as it sits on the other side of existence and therefore cannot be reached by any normal method of study.

However, there are certain things that can be understood from observation. It lacks substance or mana in any form that we would understand. There is a barrier that exists between reality and Oblivion known to the scholars of the Ebon Skull as "the Convergence". Passing beyond this barrier is impossible, as reality, by definition, cannot exist in a place where matter and

mana do not exist. The process of passing through this barrier shall be looked at further in the section on The Convergence. Further information of Oblivion itself cannot be granted as its very existence seems paradoxical.

2) Theology-----

While information on the arcane nature of Oblivion may go only so far, the theological understandings of the concept can go far deeper.

As it came to be understood as early as the rule of Nizar, Oblivion was the natural state of things that passed beyond the bounds of reality.

Lives ended, never to be reformed, beyond even the call of spells as powerful as Ressurrection.

Destruction of lands and places that would never rise again.

Even the eradication of ideas and concepts, now forgotten entirely to mortal minds, as they passed beyond the boundries of our ability to remember and perceive them.

The end of all things that exist is to pass beyond the veil and enter a place of absolute serenity. And this is the first understanding of Oblivion.

Oblivion is peace.

But peace itself is an overused word. Oblivion does not offer that ephemeral (short lived) "peace" that is thrown around in the polical world. A thing to be shattered by the whimsy of tomorrow. It is eternal and ever lasting. That which passes beyond the veil of reality need

never again be endangered
by the quibbles and
unrighteous nature of
those that cling to
existence. All that passes
into the blissful waters
of Oblivion rest easily
besides all those that
have come before them.
Which brings us to the
second understanding.
Oblivion is equal.
The faithful and the
irreligious alike pass into
non-existence all the
same. Just as reality
came into existence and
shall one day end, so too
shall all the souls of
those who have come
before and shall come
eventually finish at the
shoals of Oblivion. It is
this understanding which
has lead the Order of
the Ebon Skull, in many
of its iterations, to seek
to bring its knowledge of
Oblivion to others, that
they need not sit under
the yoke of oppression
and iniquity that so many
suffer in this debased
era.

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